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Organization of US fleets at the present time is set up as follows.

Fleets: Pacific Ocean (Hawaiian)

[56 groups unrecoverable]

Caledonia, etc. Naval forces in the southwestern Pacific - defense of Australia; naval forces in the southeastern Pacific - defense of the Panama zone; naval forces in the north Pacific (Aleutians and Alaska). These forces are made up of units of the Hawaiian fleet, from newly constructed ships, naval and army aviation, units of marines and army [2 groups unrecovered] Americans, New Zealanders, French. They have the status of fleets (except the northern).

Atlantic fleet - defense of the eastern coast of the USA. It comprises: Naval force in the south Atlantic, base Casablanca. It provides for landing troops in Africa and the defense of the African coast. Operates in conjunction with the British fleet

[139 groups unrecovered].

Continuation follows.

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